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July 26, 2016

To: California State Water Resources Control Board

Policy Statement:

RE: PETITION REQUESTING CHANGES IN WATER RIGHTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE WATERFIX PROJECT

My name is Rogene Reynolds. I am a lifelong resident of the South Delta, and currently live on Upper Roberts Island. I am speaking on behalf of myself, and members of my community.

Every in - Delta water user whose diversions are downstream of the proposed Sacramento River diversions will suffer diminished water quality if the FIX tunnel project is implemented.

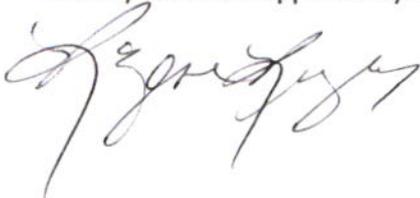
As a result, Delta lands, farmed sustainably since the 1870s, will be degraded by increased salinity of Delta water. Cropping patterns will be affected, and the ability of Delta farmers to make cropping decisions in response to global markets will be constrained by poorer water quality. Land values will decrease.

Further, Municipal diversions serving Delta communities will be degraded by increased salinity, and their costs of treatment will increase. These costs will become the burden of the Delta urban citizenry.

It is a fundamental breach of your responsibility to agree to these outcomes. Granting the FIX petitioners this new diversion puts you in the position of creating and approving an absolutely new water right - a right to divert water which is essential for the health and wealth of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

As the State Water Resources Control Board your policy should be unequivocally to protect the "common pool" of the Delta, and to resist all efforts to isolate the Delta from the best of its inflow.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rogene Reynolds', is written over the typed name.